

Granby Economic Development & Growth Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 5:30 pm
New Library, 297 East State Street – Main Conference Room

Meeting Minutes

Members: Jay Joyce, Chairman
Gary Glenn
Bryan Hauschild, Sr.

Others: Lillian Camus, PVPC Representative

Absent: Bill Porter
Jim Trompke

Call to Order: Jay Joyce called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

None

Economic Development raining was conducted by PVPC on July 17, 2018

Open Action Items:

Businessman's Recommendations

The Committee discussed ways to redevelopment some areas. Suggestions included creating an industrial park across from the old dump and acquiring the Army Reserve site on Carver Street.

Community Compact

Jay Joyce noted Granby's Community Compact is outdated and requires updating. The latest Community Compact is from 2015.

Jay will follow up with Chris Martin.

Grants

Jay Joyce touched on a few programs that could be of help with potential projects. Those programs include MassWorks Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) program and the Small Town Road Assistance Program (STRAP).

Granby Master Plan

Jay Joyce noted Granby's Master Plan is outdated and needs updating.

Dufresne Park Events

The Committee discussed how Dufresne Park is an asset to the town. A suggestion was made to hire an Event Coordinator to coordinate and promote events at the park.

EV Charger Stations

Jay Joyce reported two EV chargers have been installed at the Senior Center for town usage only. Additionally, four EV chargers were installed at the Middle school which will require a commercial credit card for access.

Chapter 61 Land

Jay Joyce reminded the Committee the town has the Right of First Refusal on any Chapter 61 land that is being taken out of Chapter 61.

Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART) Program

Jay Joyce reported the Selectboard placed a moratorium on solar systems over 250 kw in the Town for one year, expiring 30 June 2019. In the meantime, the State is in the process of updating their regulations.

New Town Hall and Senior Center

Jay Joyce noted the town received a \$4 million bond to construct a new Municipal Town Hall and a Senior Center in place of the West Street School. The project is on hold until the money is actually received from the State.

PVPC Assistance – LTA

LTA Funds were used to conduct the PVPC training on July 17, 2018

New Business

Net Zero Energy for proposed new Municipal Town Hall and Senior Center

See notes above.

Old Business

The FY 2019 Agendas, Meeting Minutes and Reports are on Cathy Leonard's list to be posted to Town of Granby Webpage.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting date is to be determined.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Bryan Hauschild, Sr. and seconded by Gary Glenn to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. Motion carried 3 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

I, Jay Joyce, certify that these minutes are true and accurate minutes of the September 11, 2018 Granby Economic Development and Growth Committee meeting.